

# ADVANCE

FOUR SQUARE WORLD

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BE DEEPER AND ITS HOPES BRIGHTER AS WE CELEBRATE THIS MOST JOYOUS BIRTH - MAY THE





## "THAT THE GENERATION TO COME MIGHT KNOW..."

The very heart of the Christmas story is the incarnation which is the coming of God in human form. But, do our children, this generation, know Jesus in a personal and intimate way? Is Jesus a reality in their daily living? Is the Christian life a "way of life"?

We are admonished in Psalm 78 to:

- open our mouths in parables
- utter dark sayings of old (stories handed down)
- share the praises of the Lord
- share the strength of the Lord
- tell of His wonderful works which He hath done

The reason? *"That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born"* (Psa. 78:6a). Reaching the children of this generation is the greatest challenge we've ever faced. But face it we must.

The HOME plays a very vital part in the Christian education of a child. Parents have a tremendous influence on the child. The percentage of influence sizes up as follows: 16% from church, 31% from educational institutions and peer group, and 53% from home. The HOME is a training center for the child. But what about the child who is a member of a non-Christian home? Who is responsible?

Southern California District Supervisor, **Paul E. Jones** had the privilege of burning the mortgage notes on the following Foursquare churches: Crescenta Valley, Sun Valley, South Gate, North Long Beach and Harbor City.

General Supervisor, **M. E. Nicholls** will be present in the **Omaha, Ne.** Foursquare Church on Dec. 18 to participate in the Dedication Service of their new unit. Recent dedications of Foursquare churches have taken place in Oxnard (La Trinidad) and Pico Gardens, Ca., San Angelo, Tx., and Benton, Ark. The Midland, Tx. Church recently dedicated a multi-purpose building.

Church Growth and Evangelism Director, **Don McGregor** will teach a two-unit course on Church Growth at Mount Vernon Bible College, Jan. 3-19, 1978.

**Dr. William Cochrane**, LIFE's Academic Dean recently attended the Christian Correspondence

School Assoc. in Chicago, Ill. He is the current Treasurer for the Association.

The annual **Missionary Conference in Angelus Temple** is scheduled for Jan. 8-15, 1978. On Nov. 2, **Revs. Mary Lou Canata**, Director of Children's Ministries, and **Arleta Keck**, Associate Minister of Angelus Temple, began ministering for six and three weeks, respectively, in two districts of the Philippines. They are conducting training workshops and Children's and Adult Crusades.

The **Santa Cruz, Ca.** Foursquare Church celebrated its 30th Anniversary this year, reports **Pastor Floyd Layman**. Guest speakers for the anniversary celebration included District Supervisor, **Fred Wymore**, **Rev. Herman Walters**, and **Dr. Roy B. McKeown** who pioneered the church and served as its first pastor.

Southwest District Supervisor,

The CHURCH that desires to fulfill the Lord's command to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8b) is faced with the challenge of not only contributing to the spiritual growth of its children, but of also going beyond its tiny "Jeruselems". The Church (God's people) needs to go where this generation is—in the parks, playgrounds, schools, housing complexes, trailer parks, detention homes and orphanages. It is in these places where we often find the innocent, helpless and fearful children.

Christmas is such an ideal time to reach "our generation" with the beautiful story of Jesus. Perhaps it will be the simple act of including a children's Gospel tract with a Christmas gift, or a Christmas card showing in picture and word the true meaning of Christmas. The joy that is experienced as they accept Jesus, the greatest Gift ever given, could result in a more meaningful and happy Christmas in the lives of children who have been exploited, hurt, abused, unloved and unwanted.

Above all, may we meet the human needs of this generation, in the Name of Jesus, the One whose birthday we celebrate!

*Miss Mary Lou Canata*

*Director of Children's Ministries*

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**John Holland** announces the planting of a pioneer work in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mex. with Rev. Bill Walwarth, Pastor. The District Fall Bible Conference was held in **Tucson, Az.** with guest speakers including **Rev. Roy Hicks, Jr.** and **James Spillman**.

Students and residents of **Mount Vernon Bible College** and the adjacent community of Bangs will be reminded of Sunday morning and evening Chapel services by recorded **Carillon music**. The vibrant tones sounding forth from the **Erickson Memorial Chapel** steeple completely envelop the otherwise tranquil valley, bringing to the attention of all the intent of the Lord's Day.

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### PRESENT WITH THE LORD

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# INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY:

## COMMUNITY CONCERN: CHURCH:

### Miracle and Ministry In Christmas Outreach

A very important ministry of the Scotts Valley, Ca. United Foursquare Women's group is its annual presentation of gifts to the children of the Saligman, Az. Foursquare Indian Mission, reports Scotts Valley pastor, Rev. Travis Barnett.



God performed a miracle in the preparation of last year's gifts. Prior to their knowledge of the number of gifts needed, the women decided to put each child's gifts in a Frizbee as a special treat. Informed that the number of children had more than doubled over the previous year's number, they realized they needed 37 additional Frizbees.

This need became a matter of prayer, and immediately an order was placed at a local store for the additional Frizbees. After a month of delays and many calls to the store, their order never arrived. They were told to call again the day before their scheduled UFW meeting at which time the gifts were to be wrapped.

When that day arrived, and prior to her call to the store, UFW President, Gretchen Herndon, called Teresa, a UFW member. When Teresa asked if the Frizbees had arrived and received a negative answer, she responded, "Praise the Lord." Teresa then shared, "Several days ago I visited a friend whose husband works for a company that frequently gives items away. They just happened to have a box of brand new Frizbees which they were about to throw away. I asked if we might have them for the children." Theresa's friend gladly made this contribution and 38 Frizbees (one more than needed) were supplied exactly when needed.

### Dedications—Church Additions Vicennes, Indiana

A new Fellowship Hall was dedicated on Oct. 2, 1977 by District Supervisor, L. T. Charter.

Pastor Lane Fairchild reports that the beautiful addition is built on the back of the present church building which includes a large area for social events and a very modern, up-to-date kitchen with all the facilities. Most of the equipment was purchased by the local UFW Chapter. It is also fully air-conditioned.



### Chicago Heights, Illinois

The Dedication Service for the newly constructed educational building of the Chicago Heights Church, pastored by Dr. Clarence Fast, was recently held. District Supervisor, L. T. Charter brought the message for the occasion and led in the dedicatory prayer. Divisional Superintendent, Josephine Dalrymple, also spoke to the occasion.



A proclamation of congratulations from the Village of South Chicago was presented to Dr. Fast on behalf of the Foursquare Church. City officials participating in the service included: Mayor Donald Prisco; Councilman David Owen, and; local Kiwanis President Vince Vova. Rev. Cheryl Dearing, principal of the church's Day School also participated, as well as former principal, Rev. Mary Thompson.

### Married Couples Retreat Camp McPherson

Thirty-seven couples gathered on this beautiful campground, Oct. 21-23, for a weekend of spiritual intake, made possible through the ministries of Missionary Joseph Knapp and Rev. and Mrs. Marty Jenkins, instructors at Mount Vernon Bible College. District Youth Director, Walter Brandenburg directed the weekend activities.

The "Joyful Sound" singing group from Amherst, Oh. presented the Gospel musical, "I Promise to Love". A Sunrise Service was conducted early Sunday morning with brunch served the campers following the service.

## HEADQUARTER'S MINISTRIES:



### Home Missions Department Staff Members Retire

Rev. and Mrs. Floyd McClure have recently retired from active ministry upon completion of 43 years of service in the Foursquare Organization. Their last eight years of ministry were served in the Home Mission's Department. Rev. McClure ministered in the Department of Properties and Insurance and Mrs. McClure served as Minister of Promotions.

Prior to joining the Headquarter's staff, they were engaged in evangelistic and pastoral ministry in the Great Lakes, South Central, Midwest and Southern California Districts. They served for 19 years as pastors of the Pueblo, Colo. Foursquare Church.

At an employee gathering held in their honor, a lovely plaque was presented to them by President Rolf K. McPherson. General Supervisor, M. E. Nicholls presented a gift from the Headquarter's employees. [4]



## VIEWPOINT:

By Gary L. Cooper

# Child Abuse: Whose Problem Is it?

Jimmy is 11 years old and, if he reaches adulthood, will probably be a child beater. Why? Because Jimmy is a victim of child abuse and statistics show that these victims, more often than not, become the abusers of their own children, perpetuating the cycle.

The story of Jimmy's childhood reads like a horror story. His mother would heat a hammer on the stove and burn his hands with it when something displeased her, and when that was not convenient she beat him with a belt. On the day before his abuse came to the attention of the police, Jimmy had gone out to sell newspapers in order to buy his mother a birthday present. He returned three hours later than expected and found his mother drunk. She became outraged at his tardiness and began hitting him with her fists. After tying his hands with a dog leash, she put a plastic bag over his head and tried to choke him. When Jimmy tore the bag off she resumed beating him. The next morning she again assaulted him, tied him with neckties, and locked him in a closet. Some time later, she let him out, beat him with a stick, and threatened to kill him.

Horrible? Yes. An unusual, isolated incident? Unfortunately, no. Situations like this one are occurring every day in Los Angeles, and perhaps right next door to you.



*Baby's arms deliberately burned.*

Children are brought into hospitals daily, having been beaten, burned, stabbed, strangled, electrically shocked, starved, or thrown violently against walls. Fractured skulls, broken legs and arms, blackened eyes and bruised bodies are commonplace. A few have been chained in attics, tied to beds, and even left hanging by their feet from the ceiling.

### WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?

Why are some parents unable to maintain an atmosphere of loving discipline? Some authorities state that such parents have a negative attitude toward their children. Dr. Vincent J. Fontana puts his finger on a very significant aspect of the problem. He says parents who brutalize their children generally are emotionally insecure, are under financial stress, are separated or divorced, or have problems with alcoholism or perversion. In effect, since they are immersed in negative circumstances and feelings, they produce negative and destructive behavior. Dr. Fontana pointed out that such parents actually need as much help as their children.

Most incidents of child abuse stem from crude and inappropriate attempts at discipline. Parents become provoked by the child's apparent inability to follow orders, by misbehavior, or by rebellion. Unfortunately, many parents punish their children only when they feel driven to do it—as a last resort. By that time, the parents have lost a measure of self-control and lash out in frustration toward the child. They have waited too long—let the problem get out of hand. They EXPLODE in anger. To call this child rearing, is a tragic misnomer. Such parents have a lot to learn about rearing their own flesh and blood offspring—and about themselves.

### ANOTHER EXTREME

Those who cannot or will not discipline properly out of a mistaken belief that "love" is sufficient, also have much to learn. The "love" of these parents is often only neglect. Ignoring children or indulging them demonstrates neutrality rather than empathy, indifference rather



than concern. In the long run, the effect of "no discipline" may be as destructive as the effect of over-discipline.

### BALANCE IS THE KEY

Few families seem to get the right balance in child rearing. Too many go to one extreme or the other—the extreme of actual brutality, or the extreme of permissiveness and lack of effective control. The best approach to child rearing is the BALANCED approach. Parents need to teach their children to come when called, to put toys away, to eat that which they should, and to listen to instruction. It is not a simple matter and parents need to be patient and persevering. But positive methods followed by swift, never failing, *suitable* discipline for infraction, is the only workable combination. Proverbs 13:24 admonishes, *"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."* Children reared this way tend to become the best behaved, most orderly, friendly, outgoing, and loving children because their parents care enough to take time with them. They do not become runaways and delinquents.

*"Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul"* (Prov. 29:17).

Effective discipline should always be administered at the time of the offense, and in proportion to the severity of the infraction—and it should be administered out of concern for the child, thinking of the child's training. Love is not easily provoked, is patient, and endures (1 Cor. 13:4-7). *"Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell"* (Prov. 23:13, 14). *"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"* (Eph. 6:4). A child should NEVER be bruised or injured. But that is not all.

Once the discipline is administered, the child should be made to know that he is completely forgiven and is now in the good graces of the parent. When suitable correction is given in love, parents are usually surprised at how quickly the child will repent of his wrong action, say he is sorry, and even throw his arms around Mom's or Dad's neck.

The important thing that any parent, or parent to be, must remember is that if he correctly applies discipline and also shows positive love and instruction in the home during the child's formative years, his children will not grow up to be wild, unruly, rebellious, hostile, or delinquent. Parents who instill in their children respect, obedience and love have reason to be confident their children will in turn



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be good parents. *"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it"* (Prov. 22:6).

### WHAT ABOUT THE ABUSED AND NEGLECTED?

Senator Burch Bayh, who held hearings on the subject, estimated that over one million young people run away in the United States each year. When these children arrive in a large "mecca" like Los Angeles, they are cold and lonely. Too often they end up in the homes of child molesters, the first persons to give them the affection and attention they are seeking. One such molester boasted of "one-a-day" for the past five years—and he is not unique.

The only way to stop child abuse is to avoid creating abusive parents. This will often necessitate removal of abused children from the home, permanently, before the damage to them is irreversible. Communities must be organized in such a way as to find children in danger at an early stage and provide prevention services promptly.

Christians are in a favorable position to help in this regard. They already know the importance and benefits of a healthy and moral family life and the necessity of loving discipline. They can share this knowledge with others in the community. By speaking out at school and other community meetings, by visiting or writing members of city government, by personal witness and example, Christians can get involved in changing the current no-discipline approach to child rearing. They can help implement programs to treat families with child abuse histories. They can provide foster homes for children who must be removed from their own homes.

Oh yes. What happened to Jimmy? His mother went to prison; where did he go? I wish I could say he is in a Christian foster home—but I can't.

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Left: Foster sons who brighten up home of Mr. and Mrs. Atwater.  
Right: To foster daughters, Bernadette and Rosie, Rev. and Mrs. Ramirez are "Mom and Dad".



## Foursquare Foster Families

# Abundant Homes Need Abundant Love

*In recent decades the Biblical concept of the family has experienced attack and radical change in America. Man's oldest institution is viewed by many in today's society as antiquated and of little use in our "liberated culture". Loose attitudes toward marriage have birthed tremendous problems, such as an astronomical divorce rate, runaway children, and broken homes that produce shattered lives. But God, in his grace, sees man's need as his opportunity—"...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound"(Rom. 5:20b). Thus in answer to man's dilemma God has provided homes and love for children whom society has no place for. Below are the accounts of two families which God is using to rebuild the lives of foster children.*



Top: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atwater. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Ramirez with children, Richard Charles and Cecelia.

First, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atwater of Whittier, California briefly express what God is doing in their home:

"We are delighted to write about our experiences as foster parents for we have found that love is sharing. It has been a tremendous blessing to work for the Lord by ministering to these children. The Lord said in Matthew 25:35,40, 'For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in... Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me'.

"Foster care is an answer to an immediate need or crisis. Often we receive children who have been suddenly separated from people they love. Some never accept you; they just wish Mom and Dad would work things out. It takes much time and patience to work with foster kids. We have discovered that only the love of God working in their lives and in ours can produce real meaning and happiness.

"We were blessed with two wonderful

children of our own; a married daughter with four children, and a married son who is now attending LIFE Bible College. Yet, we feel that the continual opportunity to express parental love is one of the greatest joys in life. During the last 14 years we have shared our home with 44 children for varying lengths of time. The Lord has blessed us with a large home and yard for this ministry. Our yard is one-third acre that includes a pool, and a corral for a pony and burro. But it isn't enough to provide, simply, for the child's physical needs. Our goal is to minister to their spiritual needs, as well.

"We thank the Lord for directing us to the Florence Avenue, California Foursquare Church. The leadership there has been a strength to us and our children. The Junior and Youth Choirs have made a real impact upon our foster kids. At present we have four boys in the Junior Choir and two in the Youth Choir.

"God has proven his faithfulness through a letter we recently received from a young man who was in our home for seven years. He writes: 'I should write and let you know that if it weren't for you two wonderful people I wouldn't have really known the love and peace that God can give.' He is now married and has two children. This young man is serving in the Armed Forces and plans to attend LIFE Bible College when his period of service is completed."

'Secondly, Reverend and Mrs. Richard Ramirez, pastors of the San Gabriel, California Pan American Foursquare Church reveal a few of the heartrending difficulties of serving as foster parents:

"In 1961 the Lord gave us a home in Montebello, California with more room than we needed. My wife, Mary, and I decided to go into a Foster Home Ministry as my parents had done years before. Since 1961 we have given shelter to 15 children, some for a few days and others for more than 10 years.



"The first child to come to our home was a three year old boy whose father had been killed and his mother was in jail for using illegal drugs. On our first holiday together we took him to the beach and somehow he got lost. We could not even remember what he looked like well enough to describe him to other people. However, we did find him after much travail.

"This child was with us seven years when he pleaded with us to bring his two sisters into our home. They became a part of our family and remained with us two more years during which time they attended Sunday School and all the church services that we attended. They were taught the ways of the Lord. The day came when they were all sent home to their mother who had just been released from jail. They were trying to form a home. Several months later we were shocked to receive the news of the death of one of the girls. While they were riding in a car in East Los Angeles, an opposing gang member took a shot at their car and killed one of the sisters. This is the time when you wish you had not released them, and your heart breaks to know that this child was in your home and now is dead.

"Then there was the time, ten and a half years ago, when I was recuperating from a heart attack and a fifteen month old baby girl was placed in our home. She came to us from the hospital, having suffered from malnutrition. But she arrived at a time when we needed some cheering up and she filled our need. This girl has grown up with our own two children and refuses to be known as a foster child. We are her Mom and Dad. Now, she is in Junior High School and facing all the problems that this transitional age presents. We continue to pray for her that God will watch and guide her through her adolescent years. She has received Christ as her Savior and is active in church.

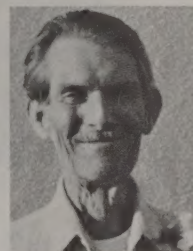
"Many of our foster children have suffered abuse in one way or another with some exposed to immoral behavior on the part of their parents.

"The past 15 years have been years of sacrifice. We have missed activities and invitations because people didn't want to invite us with our two, plus two or more additional children. Often the children that come to us are moody, hyperactive, or hard to handle. These children need much love, a love that has been denied them by their own parents. Our home has been blessed because the members of our family have opened their hearts to those less fortunate. We have cried together, but we have laughed much more. God has blessed us with joy unspeakable in this service that we have done as unto Him."

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## PEOPLE:

### Paul Anderson, Veteran Missionary & Pastor, Honored at Retirement



In commemoration of 40 years of ministry in the Foursquare Organization, Reverend Paul Anderson was honored at a special, surprise gathering and reception held in his honor at the Montebello, California Foursquare Church. This occasion also marked his retirement from active ministry and as pastor of the Rowan Avenue, California Foursquare Church, where he served the past 18 years. Reverend Anderson also ministered as Superintendent of the Pan American Division.

The son of the late missionaries, Reverend and Mrs. (Isabel Fannie) Thomas Anderson, Brother Anderson was appointed as a Foursquare missionary in 1936. He served with his late wife, Tressie, until 1959, at which time they returned to the United States with their three daughters, Ruth, Martha and Judy. While in Colombia, Reverend and Mrs. Anderson pioneered the Bucamaranga Foursquare Church which is one of the largest Evangelical Churches in that country. Reverend Anderson's brother, Jack, is a Foursquare missionary to Bolivia and his two sisters, Mrs. Rachel Perez and the late Jennie Anderson, both served as Foursquare missionaries, as well.

The special, "Down Memory Lane" honoring Reverend Anderson included a review of his ministry, special music by daughters, Martha Lesmes and Judy, the presentation of a scrapbook and "Money Tree", and special tributes. Those making tributes included: Members of his family; Vice President, Howard P. Courtney; Director of Foreign Missions, Leland Edwards; General Supervisor, M. E. Nicholls; District Supervisor, Paul E. Jones, and; former members of the Bucamaranga Church who are now residents in the United States.

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Increased attendance necessitates the scheduling of a third Sunday morning Worship Service at Faith Center Foursquare Church. Congregation must again consider engaging in a building program.



## THE LOCAL CHURCH: *Eureka, California* Flexibility and Balance A Watchwords at Faith Center Foursquare Church



As Pastor Larry Briney stood at the top of a ladder in 1970, he viewed a bird's nest filled with eggs that had hardened from the heat of the parsonage carport light. In that moment God spoke to his heart and said, *"That's what you have been doing here in Eureka. You have been sitting on eggs and they will never hatch because the life has gone out of them."*

Reverend and Mrs. Briney and their two children and one foster child had recently returned from a convention in the Midwest. During this period when the yard lights were not used, a bird had built her nest on one of the lights. After three months they noticed that the mother bird was still sitting on her nest and fearing that something was wrong, Pastor Briney ascended the ladder to investigate. His response to God's message spoken to him on that ladder seven years ago was the beginning of a fresh flow of God's blessing in and through Eureka's Faith Center Foursquare Church.

Reverend Harriet McMurray was led to this Pacific Coast town about 80 miles from the Oregon state line in 1950 to pioneer a Foursquare Church. In the heart of the redwoods, Eureka's main industry is lumbering, fishing and tourism. Reverend McMurray, with her family, pastored the church until her retirement in 1962. At that time God led Reverend and Mrs. Briney from their home church—the Decatur, Illinois Foursquare Church where they

were serving as Associate Pastors, to Eureka to assume the pastorate there.

During their first eight years of ministry at the Eureka Church, God blessed and the church grew steadily from an attendance of around 200. However, God had a new ministry for the Eureka Church, which was situated in a town of 35,000 people. In response to the message spoken to Pastor Briney on the ladder, they began to examine the ministry of the church. They recognized that some methods of ministry were unfruitful and gave life for a time, but the life had gone out of them. They were still "sitting on these ministries trying to bring life from them." "The Lord said, 'Your nest is alright, you just need to lay new eggs in it,'" shared Reverend Briney, "so we began to do some new things."

Their program of Home Bible Study was introduced and soon the seed of the Gospel was being sown in neighborhoods and communities as far away as 25 miles. As their steady increase in attendance necessitated larger facilities, the church embarked on a building program. A new ministry was begun, as well as a Counseling Center.

Since 1970 there has been a mushroom growth in the Eureka Church with the Sunday Morning Worship Services increasing from 600 to 700 in attendance. Reverend Briney comments, "This growth is due to the



Above: Message from bird's nest changes course of Eureka Church. Bob and Darlene Allwine teaching Junior Boy's Class.



the Holy Spirit among the people. We have been trying to be sensitive to what the Spirit is doing in the earth today and to observe the New Testament principles of worship, praise, fellowship and love among the brethren." A number of students, professors and administrators from Eureka's University and Junior College are a part of their fellowship.

An important phase of their teaching ministry has focused in on two principals of which have served as watchwords to this congregation. The first is *flexibility*. Reverend Briney comments, "Flexibility has been the key of the Eureka fellowship—flexibility within the bounds of ultimate purpose. Without ultimate purpose, flexibility is compromise." Faith Center Foursquare Church's ultimate purposes include specific promises made to this body of believers which are rooted in the Word and which have been confirmed by words of prophecies. These promises declare that God would raise up a people in Eureka who:

would know their God and know His heart;  
would know each other and love each other as they are loved by God;  
would not be afraid of the dark, not be intimidated by Satanic oppression, not be afraid to go into dark places with the light of the Gospel, not be afraid to look even into their own hearts and find darkness and command it to go in Jesus' Name, and;  
would walk in balance.

ence, the second watchword, is of utmost importance to the Eureka body. Their desire is to walk in the balance of the Spirit.

An outstanding staff of ministers serves with Reverend and Mrs. Briney as they shepherd the Eureka congregation. This staff includes: Associate Ministers—Reverends and Mmes Jim Clarkson, Frank Clarkson and Robert Hardman; Youth Ministers—Roger and Lee Ann Mattison; two secretaries, and; two maintenance personnel. A very capable body of elders and deacons are supportive in offering leadership to many ministries of the church.

The facilities of the Eureka Church, totalling over 11,000 square feet, include two 60-foot circular esis dome buildings. These circular buildings, with a height of 30 feet at the center and no supporting members are considerably more difficult to construct than conventional buildings. "We did all the work ourselves and paid for the buildings on a cash basis," states Reverend Briney. As the young people are a part of this fellowship, the church sanctuary is converted into a Youth Center during the week to accommodate the many church activities.

Prayer plays an important role in the ministry of the Eureka Church. One half hour

before each church service a corps of 20 prayer warriors meet in the Prayer Room to support and cover the service in prayer. "This is where the power is generated," states Pastor Briney.

Scheduled at 9:30 every Sunday morning between the two Morning Worship Services is the Sunday School Hour. Classes for all ages are conducted with seven Adult Elective Classes included in the Adult Department. The steady spiritual inflow of new converts into the church life requires the conducting of three New Convert Classes, simultaneously.

Ministry is carried on to approximately 350 people in each Sunday and Wednesday Evening Service. The latter focuses mainly on deeper teaching conducted by the Pastor or qualified teachers in the area from other fellowships. Pastor Briney states that the churches in the area are coming together in a real working fellowship and sharing of ministries.

Home Bible Studies are only one phase of the Church's outreach ministry. Members of the church body minister as well at convalescent hospitals and at the local Rescue Mission. Their 8:15 Sunday Morning Service is broadcast over a local FM Radio station and is one of the most popular programs on that station.

As people respond to the invitation to accept Christ in the Sunday services, they are given an opportunity to be baptized in water in the Water Baptismal Service conducted every other week. At least 6 to 12 candidates are baptized in each service and declare publicly their confession of faith in Christ.

Realizing that they are unable to minister in a personal way to their growing congregation in the Sunday and weekday services, the church leadership has laid down plans to establish from 12 to 15 Neighborhood Centers in the early months of 1978. These centers will afford the church elders and qualified leaders the opportunity to minister to about 50 people in each neighborhood on a daily basis or several times a week. "Caring for the sheep" will best describe this ministry, with teaching, prayer support, love and understanding extended. The entire body will then come together in the Sunday and weekday services for teaching and worship.

During the Gold Rush days of the mid-nineteenth century, men would excitedly cry, "Eureka" to announce their discovery of that precious gold metal. The Eureka Foursquare body of believers (the largest congregation among 50 churches in Eureka) has made a greater discovery in the spiritual treasures of God's recent outpouring of His Spirit in their fellowship and surrounding area. Together they give voice in praise and thanksgiving unto God as they consider "*his marvelous works that he hath done*". [4]

To increase personal ministry, 12 to 15 neighborhood centers within the church will soon be formed of about 50 people each.



Top: Rev. Harriet McMurray, Eureka's first pastor, and Kathy Walters teaching Nursery Class. Pastor and Mrs. Briney (far left) with church staff: Revs. and Mmes Hardman and Mattison, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley and Rev. and Mrs. Pope. Not pictured—Rev. and Mrs. Clarkson.



# Foursquare Ministers Promoted to Heavenly Reward



**MILTON W. ELLITHORPE**

Evangelist Milton W. Ellithorpe joined Heaven's hosts during the daytime hours of October 18, 1977 in Moline, Illinois. Reverend Ellithorpe had just begun a campaign the Sunday evening previous in Moline's Gospel Temple.



Converted in Angelus Temple as a young boy in 1930, Brother Ellithorpe graduated in 1940 from LIFE Bible College and was ordained two years later. His first pastorate, which he pioneered, was served in the South La Brea, California Foursquare Church from 1939 to 1956. He then fulfilled three years of pastoral ministry in the First Foursquare Church of Long Beach, California, and was then called to Angelus Temple to serve as Staff Evangelist. Brother Ellithorpe ministered in this position for 15 years. It was in 1974 that he began his ministry as a travelling evangelist.

Reverend Ellithorpe's ministry took him to many countries of the world doing "the work of an evangelist". He also ministered in churches, conferences, conventions throughout the United States and Canada. In recent years he was involved in a television ministry in Los Angeles which focused in on family life. His evangelistic campaigns were often complemented by special sessions he offered on the Christian Family.

Given up to die on three occasions during his lifetime, God miraculously "raised him up" and he lived to declare the healing power of God. Surely his sudden passing was God's time for this beloved minister of God to become a member of God's heavenly family. Brother Ellithorpe's last campaign, prior to his Moline commitment, was held in the Monterey Park, California Foursquare Church. Pastor Fred Horner comments: "It was the most successful revival this congregation has experienced in over seven years. Reverend Ellithorpe felt such an urgency of the hour and gave himself unreservedly as he ministered." In his final message preached on Sunday evening in Moline Gospel Temple, Reverend Ellithorpe commented to the congregation, "This could be my final message." Sixty lives made commitments to the Lord in this service.

Memorial Services were held in Angelus Temple October 21, 1977. He is survived by his wife—Jacqueline, two daughters—Mrs. (Alona) Eastland, and Sharon, a son-in-law—

Reverend Alan Eastland, two grandchildren, and one sister and brother.

## JOSEPHINE TOON

On October 10, 1977 in Denver, Colorado Reverend Josephine Toon, former pastor and missionary, was called home to her heavenly reward.

Born in Bloomington, Illinois on October 11, 1907 Reverend Toon was converted in 1932 and graduated from LIFE Bible College in 1947. Ordained a year later, she ministered for three years as pastor of the Pasadena, California Pan American Foursquare Church. In 1953 she went to the country of Chile to engage in missionary work. It was in February, 1959 that she was appointed as a Foursquare Missionary. Sister Toon served in South America until 1964 and then ministered in the country of Honduras until her return to the United States in 1976. This past year, Reverend Toon has served as the Director of the Spanish Bible College in Denver, Colorado.

The Foursquare Denomination deeply senses the loss of this faithful Handmaiden from its ministerial ranks. We thank God for her obedience to the call of God upon her life, which resulted in 30 years of fruitful ministry.

Memorial Services were conducted in Denver, Colorado and Los Angeles, California in Angelus Temple. Miss Toon is survived by a sister and brother.

Some have contributed to the Spanish Bible School in Denver, Colorado in memory of Sister Toon. Should you desire to make a contribution in her memory, you may do so by writing:

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## INTERNATIONAL FOURSQUARE CONVENTION

Los Angeles, California

February 22-28, 1978

*"Living In God's Family"*

# We Are Family

This recognition of spiritual kinship will fill each expression of church and family life at the 1978 International Foursquare Convention. The whole family of heaven and earth is very difficult to envision until the Spirit reveals our Father and His love through a brother or sister. This actualization of God's family worshipping, witnessing and working together is the purpose of the Foursquare Family convening at its International headquarters for seven days of united ministry.

The setting for the 55th annual convention will be the historic Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, California. This great Temple was the birthplace of the Foursquare Gospel movement.



Ministers and delegates from the United States, Canada, and many foreign nations will gather February 22-28, 1978 for the Word and the Spirit to motivate and direct the Foursquare Church in its mission.

The general theme of kinship and unity will be developed in specific areas each day. The pattern for direction will begin with a keynote speaker of the day ministering a central proclamation. Following the general assembly, various electives will be taught on an institute level. Afternoons will be spent projecting the business of the church. Public services each evening will feature capsule summaries of the theme of the day and congregational participation in receiving the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The theme of each day will be:

*"Living in God's Family"*

*"God's Family—Living in Love"*

*"God's Family—Taught by the Word"*

*"God's Family—Sharing Together"*

*"God's Family—Assembled to Worship"*

*"God's Family—Completely Commissioned"*

*"God's Family—Sent to Minister"*

A convention highlight will be the premiere showing of the missionary film on Foursquare progress in New Guinea.

Proclaiming the theme of the day will be the following outstanding speakers: Reverends Jerry Cook of Gresham, Oregon; Irvin Espeseth, Guatemala; Ron Meyers, Korea; Wayman Mitchell, Prescott, Arizona; and Dr. J. Daniel Baumann and Dr. John Amstutz.

Church Life Institute classes will be taught by ministers from various Foursquare churches throughout the United States and Canada. A variety of subjects will be covered including: Evangelists in the Church, Evangelism and Church Growth, Discovering and Developing Leadership, Management Skills in the Church, Developing Teaching-Predaching Ministry, Effective Counselling, The Balance of Church and Home Education, Home Bible Studies, Developing Christian Day Schools, Developing Council of Foursquare Men and United Foursquare Women's Ministry, Music Ministry in the Church, and Cross Cultural Communication by the Church.

In the evening services the congregation will move from an overview of the day's ministry into worship through music, participation in the Word, prayer, and preaching. A Keynote Address will be given the opening night by Chairman Sidney Westbrook. Other evening speakers will include Drs. M.E. Nicholls, N.M. Van Cleave, Reverends Glenn Burris and Felipe Ferrez.

A special feature of "God's Family—Sharing Together" will be an "Evening with the Family." This Saturday evening will be designed to have the entire convention body relax, visit together and participate with some outstanding members of the Foursquare family. Music, drama and personal sharing will make this creative approach to Christian fellowship one of the highlights of the convention.

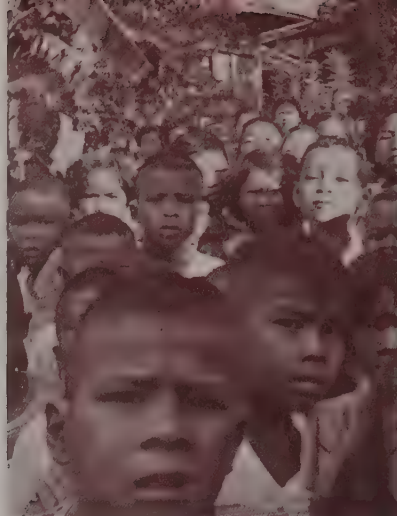
Along with the in-depth teaching of the Word and the inspiring worship times, there will be opportunity for the United Foursquare Women's and the Council of Foursquare Men's Luncheons. An Alumni banquet for the Bible Colleges will be conducted.

The life to life and church to church relationships our Father has invested in His people promises to make the 1978 International Foursquare Convention a time well spent in spiritual growth. Each delegate will experience new dimensions of spiritual life. It is important for you to begin planning to attend this gathering of "the family".





Left: Outdoor evangelism reaches Filipino children with Gospel message. Missionary, Mrs. Ron Meyers, teaching in Korean Bible School.



#### DATELINE: South Pacific

**New Guinea**—July and August were exciting months for the Foursquare missionaries and workers. The 12th Annual Papua New Guinea Foursquare convention was held August 22-26. "As always the Lord blessed in a new and wonderful way," writes Missionary Mason Hughes. "It was so thrilling to hold services in our newly completed church which seats 3,000 people. For years we had to sit under the hot sun or sometimes in the rain. Everyone was very thankful for the lovely new church which our Christians at home contributed to in a monetary way in order to complete its construction.

"About 2,000 conventioners stayed on the convention site with 1,000 others attending the night services. Sixty-four gave their hearts to the Lord, 58 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 110 rededicated their lives to Christ. Praise the Lord!"

During this period the G.M.T. Motion Picture Company from Hollywood, California was present to film a new picture on the Foursquare work in this country. "Filming in a foreign country can sometimes be a bit difficult," reports Rev. Hughes. "Some days things would get a bit tight, especially when we tried to get the still-very-

primitive people to understand what days they were to be on the filming site for filming. But I found that as we did our best and left it in the hands of the Lord, God always worked everything out, remembering that the film is for His glory." This film should be completed and ready for showing in our churches in the coming year.

#### DATELINE: Asia

**Philippines**—Missionary Philip Starr, Supervisor of the Foursquare work in the Philippines, has also been serving as Supervisor of the Philippines' Western District. He shares this glowing report of the work in this District: "In the last two years the number of churches have grown 55%—from 53 to 82 churches. Mission's giving has increased two and one-half times and the tithe income has doubled. With our many new daughter churches now meeting, by convention time in March, 1978 we, by God's grace, hope to have an increase of at least 95 churches which means we would be keeping stride with 'Exploit 80/800'."

The Foursquare work in this country has a program called "Exploit 80/800" which sets goals for each District of a specific number of new churches each year. The total goal is 800 churches by 1980.

**Korea**—Missionaries find that English Bible classes are one of the ways to have a direct ministry in reaching people in Korea. For advancement purposes, Koreans like to learn English, and conversation can be best taught by Americans. Many of the students are majoring in English and want more practice. Others know that for certain jobs they will need to be able to speak English. Seldom do students come to such a class because they love the Lord and really want to study the Bible in English.

Laurie Aldrich, former Missionary Assist, began an English Bible class with 15 students, only 4 of which were Christians. One of the students was Mr. Chu, a chemical engineer. One day he called Miss Aldrich to ask help in accepting Christ as Savior. He commented that for the last year and a half he had been listening to both Miss Aldrich and the previous assist, Sandy Turner, teach the Bible. Mostly he wanted to hear the correct pronunciations in English. No matter what the motive was, the fact existed that Mr. Chu had made a habit of reading the Bible in preparation for the class and whenever he felt out of sorts the study would comfort him. He became convinced that the Bible was true and so wanted to give his life to the Lord.



His life was changed. One evening in class **he gave** the following **testimony** to the other students: "When we come to this class, the instructor doesn't care if we are **Christians or not**, but we cannot escape **their prayers** that we will **become Christians** just as I did."

#### DATELINE: South America

**Colombia**—A Women's Bible Study has proven to be of great value to the women in **Cali**, Colombia. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. John Davies, have seen the women **develop** in their **spiritual lives** and at the same time are learning how to **improve their home lives**. In their meetings they often take a little time to help one another with **handcrafts** and **skills** that are useful in the home. Recently they have been learning how to use the **soya bean**. Prices are rising quickly in this country and it is difficult for many to provide an **adequate diet** for their families. The soya bean provides a relatively, inexpensive and high-protein **supplement**. As most of the women do not know how to utilize the soya bean to its best advantage, they are being **taught uses** and **recipes**. The Davieses praise God for the wisdom He is giving them to help the people in every area of their lives.

The believers in the **Barranquilla Church** once again **advanced** into a **new territory** for Christ. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. John Firth have asked the Lord for a **church** in each **capital city** of the many districts of Colombia. Last month the large church in Barranquilla **held a campaign** in the capital city of **Goajira State**, Rioacho. The plan God inspired them to follow in each area is to **buy a lot** on which to hold the campaign and **rent a house** nearby. An evangelistic **team of 12 people** from the Barranquilla Church

occupied the house rented during the Goajira State campaign. While some took turns at **cooking**, the others employed the mornings in **prayer**. In the afternoons all, except the cooks, participated in door-to-door **visitation** and **tract distribution**. In the evening services these same people served as **counsellors**.

When the campaign concluded a **married couple** remained to **shepherd** the new converts and lead them into the experience of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Already **another church** has been started in a new **capital city**, thus one more District has been invaded for Christ.

Sometime ago, Uri Geller, a young Jew with remarkable **occult powers**, spoke in Colombia. Missionary John Firth further shares, "A **young man** was brought to us who looked like a Biafra **famine victim**. Those who came with him told us his story. Just by **mental concentration**, he could bend forks and mend radios, clocks, etc. This young Colombian had been trying to **make himself** like the Jew. Instead of achieving what he had hoped, he became **demented**. The voice within him told him that if he would **refrain from eating**, he would become greater than Uri Geller. His mother reported that he had not eaten for **over a month**, except a **few sips** of orange juice which he was induced to take. As we prayed with him, telling him that Jesus loved him and died for him, to our surprise and joy, **tears began to flow**. We did not know whether he could understand anything because **he never talked**. Apparently he understood that much. We **rebuked Satan** and commanded him to take his hands off the boy's mind. He then spoke and said he had **much fear**. We got him to repeat the **sinner's prayer**. We told the evil **spirits to go**, and they did. The boy now looks

quite different and has **gained weight**. When his family saw what God had done, they **all received Christ** as Savior."

**Chile**—The following exciting report was received concerning our **newest missionary**, Rev. **Sheila Ransford**: One night in Copiapo, on her **first trip** to Northern Chile, **31 people** were filled with the Holy Spirit. She visited most of the churches in this section and was a **tremendous blessing** to all.

**Panama**—Missionary Edgar Coombs reports that Panama City has been experiencing a wave of **violence and crime**. During the middle of the morning hours, **he was set upon** by two men. When the first one **grabbed** for his **billfold**, Rev. Coombs managed to grab the man's arm and **yell**. The other man took him by the **throat** and **wrestled him** to the ground. When the men looked up and saw a good number of people running toward them, they **gave up** and **ran away**. Rev. Coombs is **praising the Lord** that no permanent physical damage resulted and they **didn't succeed** in getting his papers or money. They are praying that the **Lord will convert** the souls of these men and **change their ways** of living. The men live near the church, so they are trusting that they will soon be **reached** through the Gospel message.



Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Coombs, missionaries to Panama.

#### District Missionary Giving

District	Jan.-Oct., 1977
Angelus Temple	\$115,354.50
Eastern	108,296.45
Eastern Canada	6,138.91
Great Lakes	180,328.55
Midwest	124,599.35
Northwest	194,994.25
South Central	58,501.53
Southeast	55,990.09
So. California	224,753.61
Southwest	160,867.50
Western	107,346.66
Western Canada	47,395.35



# Luke, the Physician, Documents the Sinless Birth of Christ

One of the essential doctrines of the Christian church is the immaculate conception of Jesus Christ by the virgin Mary. Historically, it has been attacked by critics of the Bible. If it can be proven that Jesus was the product of human reproduction only, then the whole structure of redemption is destroyed. If Jesus is not conceived of Mary by the Holy Spirit, He is the son of an unknown father. He is, therefore, illegitimate, and His personal claim of being the only begotten of the Father is false. Our faith, then, is in an illegitimate liar and lunatic.

Luke, who is affectionately called by Paul in Colossians 4:14, "*The beloved physician*", was a man of science and trained in the medical technology of his day. Tradition teaches that he was a native of Antioch in Syria, a Gentile. He was converted to Christianity and was an eyewitness of the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit as he traveled with Paul on his missionary journeys. Luke recorded the historical narrative of Acts. The Holy Spirit selected a man whose professional training would find it difficult in the natural to believe in the immaculate conception of Jesus. Luke was so convinced of this doctrine that he, being moved upon by the Holy Spirit, wrote the most comprehensive account of the conception, birth, and childhood of Jesus recorded in the Scriptures.

In the Gospel that bears his name, chapter one, verses 26-35, Luke gives a thorough accounting of the conception of Jesus Christ. We see that the conception of Christ was the product of the selectivity of God. The TIME was during "*the sixth month*" of Elizabeth's pregnancy; the PLACE was a "*city of Galilee, named Nazareth*"; the AGENT sent with the message, "*GABRIEL . . . sent from God*"; to the PERSON, "*a VIRGIN espoused [engaged] to a man whose name was JOSEPH, of the house of DAVID; and the virgin's name was MARY*" (vs. 26, 27).

In verses 28-33 we read that the conception of Christ was the product of the mercy and favor of God. It was, indeed, a special privilege of Mary to conceive and bear the Divine Son of God. The angel tells Mary, "*thou . . . art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*" But with this privilege came responsibility for it continues to say, "*she*



*was troubled at his saying.*" It is not difficult to imagine the immense responsibility involved in giving birth to, and raising the Son of God.

The conception of Christ was a blessing not only upon Mary, but it was God's favor on the nation of Israel. It says in verse 32 that "*the Lord God shall give unto HIM the throne of his father David.*" Therefore, God's covenant with David is fulfilled in Jesus. The phrases, "*thou . . . shalt call his name JESUS*" and "*of his kingdom there shall be no end*" indicate to us that the conception of Christ was a blessing to the world. The name "Jesus" means "God is our salvation". When we put our trust in Him, the Savior of the world becomes ours, personally. We receive forgiveness for our sins, the life of God, and fellowship with Him for eternity.

In verses 34-37 Mary asks a vital question, "*How shall this be, seeing I KNOW not a man?*" Her question implies her virginity for she is saying, "I am not intimate with a man in the sexual role of marriage." In so doing, she opens the subject of the supernatural power of God. The angel answers by stating that she will conceive of the Holy Spirit—"*that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God . . . For with God nothing shall be impossible.*"

In verse 38 we realize that the conception of Christ was the product of the consecrated, submitted person of God. For she humbly says, "*be it unto me according to thy word.*" Never has a woman confessed any greater confidence in God. She was willing to risk the disapproval of her family, her community, and, most of all, the affection of Joseph, the man to whom she was engaged. Never has a woman been more highly favored by God.

From this passage of scripture written by Dr. Luke, we too, can say with the angel, "*with God nothing shall be impossible.*" Our faith is not built upon the speculation of man, but upon the immutable counsel of God. [4]

OPEN YOUR BIBLE:



By Reverend Ronald Williams  
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A long time ago, in a galaxy perhaps far, far away, the Star Wars started—this universe's first confrontation between good and evil. This is Biblical fact, not fictional fantasy.

Scripture employs the term "star" not only of celestial luminaries but of personalities—beings divine (Num. 24:17, Rev. 22:16), angelic (unfallen, Job 38:7, perhaps Judg. 5:20, and fallen, Rev. 12:4), and human (righteous, Rev. 1:20, and unrighteous, Jude 13).

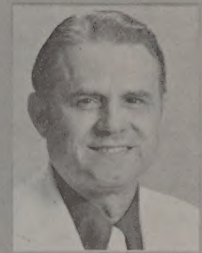
An angel was the aggressor in the first Star War. Lucifer attacked not an impersonal "Force" but the Almighty Himself, aspiring to exalt himself "above the stars of God" (Isa. 14:13). Jesus reported the devil's defeat (Lk. 10:18). Revelation 12:4 suggests Satan attracted massive angelic support ("his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven").

Though defeated, the devil carried on the war, seeking to injure God through God's people. The serpent engineered man's fall in Eden. But he more than met his match when he battled Christ in the wilderness (Matt. 4, Lk. 4) and at Calvary (Gen. 3:15, Col. 2:15, Heb. 2:14).

Thus the Bible predicts the complete overthrow of Satan in prophecy's last Star Wars. The devil's Waterloo, Alamo, Bay of Pigs, and Dunkirk cluster in Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-21), the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:1-3), and Satan's swan song which will end all wars forever (Rev. 20:7-10). The outcomes are as certain as if already history!

Meanwhile conflict continues, and every believer belongs in the battle actively (Eph. 6:10-19). Indeed, the most important conflict now is the present. Past Star Wars are over (history). Future fights are fixed (prophecy). The present involves us. But although victory is guaranteed to believers, some forfeit triumph in the now. Some don't fight the good fight of faith and put on the whole armor of God. Some wrestle not—period. Others wrestle against flesh and blood. Such inaction or mis-action undermines effectiveness in battle against principalities and powers, spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph. 6:12). Those, however, who fight in faith wield invincible weapons (II Cor. 10:4-5) and are guaranteed total victory over everything (Rom. 8:35-39) always (II Cor. 2:14), and "always" always means now!

Hollywood's "Star Wars" is making a mint by reminding the world of continuous conflict between good and evil. Believers, however, are (or should be) demonstrating the inevitable outcome, anticipating the time when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). What a world, with no active devil in it! [4]



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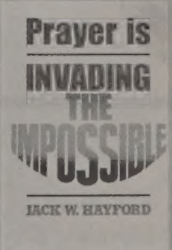
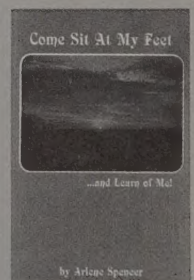
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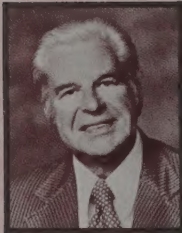
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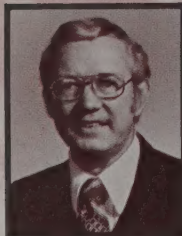


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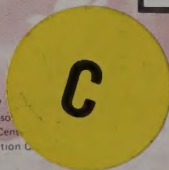
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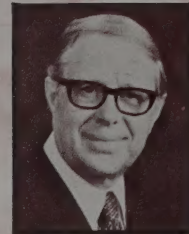
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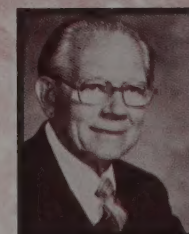
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